

LUDLOW-TAYLOR PTO UPDATE

Hi Ludlow-Taylor families,



I hope everyone had a great time at Pancakes & Literacy last night (or check out [this reel](#), or [this one](#), to see what you missed)! Thank you SO much to all of the folks who stepped up to help out in various ways, especially Laurie Burkitt, who took on all things pancakes & sausage from ordering to pick up to dishing them out to clean up! Thanks to our parent organizers, our teacher judges, our teacher literacy station leaders, our event volunteers and our toppings, drinks, paper goods & used books donors; it absolutely could not have happened without everyone's help!





A few updates/reminders for this week:

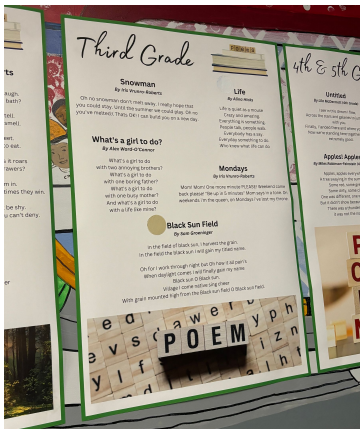
- **Coffee & Donuts:** February's [Coffee & Donuts with Principal Miller](#) is now actually in March. Specifically, please join us Friday March 1st @ 8:30 am either outside the 7th St. entrance or inside the 7th St. front lobby, depending on the weather. Principal Miller had originally planned to talk all things testing (e.g., PARCC, iReady, ANET, Dibels, L-T testing trends, BOY v MOY, etc), but given the delay, she will hopefully be in a position to give more information about L-T's '24-'25 budget as well. Please add any questions you have for her on these or any topics [here](#)!
- **Warriors' Night Out Donations:** Interested in potentially hosting a parent or family experience to help us fundraise? Have an item you want to donate? Find out more information [here](#) or sign up [here](#)! Have a connection to a local business that might like to be a sponsor or to donate something? PLEASE reach out to auction@ludlowtaylor.org. All ideas & donations most welcome!
- **Annual DCPS/DGS Lead Testing:** Earlier this week, Principal Miller shared [a letter](#) summarizing the results of the annual lead testing of L-T's drinking water sources by DCPS/DGS. The results were good: "Testing has been completed for your school and all drinking water results were below the actionable level of five ppb." In fact, you can view the full, detailed results [here](#), and virtually every drinking water source in the school had the lowest possible reading (<1 ppb).
- **Move IT! Youth Basketball League:** Our very own Coach Smith & Future Stars are teaming up to offer a new PK3-5th grade co-ed basketball league on Sundays beginning in April. More information & registration are available [here](#). This league is NOT only for L-T students, so help spread the word too!

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPIRIT WEEK: NEXT WEEK (2/26-3/1)!

Don't forget that next week is L-T's annual Black History Month Spirit Week! In lieu of normal uniform attire, students can dress up each day in honor of Black History Month. Also, be sure to talk to your students about what else their classes are doing to celebrate (e.g., today's 5th grade Black wax expo, next Friday's Black History Month assembly, the schoolwide door decorating competition).

LUDLOW-TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				
BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPIRIT WEEK				
Pan-African Flag Color Day	90's Hip-Hop Dress Day	Favorite Artist Dress Day	Dress for Success Day	All Black Everything Day
				
February 26th	February 27th	February 28th	February 29th	March 1st
HONOR THE PAN AFRICAN FLAG BY WEARING RED, BLACK AND/OR GREEN.	CELEBRATE THE 50TH YEAR OF HIP-HOP BY WEARING 90'S HIP-HOP CLOTHING.	CELEBRATE THE WORKS OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE ARTS BY DRESSING UP AS YOUR FAVORITE ARTIST.	WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP? DRESS AS IF YOU HAD THE JOB OF YOUR DREAMS.	BRING AWARENESS TO ISSUES IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY BY STANDING IN SOLIDARITY AND WEARING ALL BLACK.



Thanks to everyone who entered our 2nd annual poetry competition! Over 100 poems were submitted in all and every one of them was reviewed by one of our illustrious panels of teacher-judges: Mr. Bain (2nd) & Ms. Sanchez (4th) for the ECE-1st grade division; Ms. Giovanni (4th) & Ms. Godfrey (4th) for the 2nd grade division; Ms. Sackeyfio (PK3) & Ms. Penn (ELA) for our 3rd grade division; and Ms. Cooper (1st) & Mr. Cooper (3rd) for our 4th & 5th grade division!

All of the judging panels picked one winner, two runners-up & a number of honorable mentions of their choice (guaranteeing one award per grade). All of these commended poems were on display in the L-T lobby during Pancakes & Literacy -- and still remain on display! -- for students & families to enjoy. Pancakes & Literacy attendees also voted for their favorite poems and those with the highest totals from among the honorable mentions received People's Choice Awards!

To honor all of the poets who entered this year's competition, we will feature a compendium of all of their poems on L-T's website in the coming days!

ECE-1ST

- Honorable Mention: Winning or Losing by Bobby Clarke (K / Ms. Dautruche)
- Honorable Mention: Untitled by Alex Glodzik (K / Ms. Monet)
- Honorable Mention: The Bat by Madeline Karpf (1st / Ms. Moreno)
- Honorable Mention: Walking Down the Street by Annika Ludwar (1st / Ms. Moreno)
- Honorable Mention: Veggie Burger in the Sun by Elizabeth Rackson (1st / Ms. Cooper)
- Honorable Mention: Untitled by Idalina Thall (K / Ms. Monet)
- Honorable Mention: Untitled by Timmy Ward-O'Connor (PK4 / Ms. Campbell)
- Runner-up: The Lake by Finley Ellis (1st / Ms. Cooper)
- Runner-up: SOCCER by Owen Ward-O'Connor (1st / Ms. Atchison)
- Winner: Stinky Tree by Brooks Hanley (Ms. Monet)

2ND

- Honorable Mention: My Readings of Feelings by Evan Baugh (Mr. Bain)
- Honorable Mention: The Dragon by Quinn Hanley (Mr. Parker)
- Honorable Mention: Pancakes by Avery Yu (Mr. Bain)
- Honorable Mention: Roller Coaster by Avery Yu (Mr. Bain)
- Runner-up: Untitled by Hope McDermott (Mr. Bain)
- Runner-up: Charbroiled Oysters by Evan Baugh (Mr. Bain)
- Winner: Cleaning My Room by Avery Yu (Mr. Bain)

3RD

- Honorable Mention: Forest Trees by Hudson MacCarthy (Ms. Gordon)
- Honorable Mention: A Poem About Farts By Emme Martin (Ms. Jackson)
- Honorable Mention: Mondays by Iris Vruno-Roberts (Mr. Cooper)
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- Honorable Mention: What's a Girl to Do? By Alex Ward-O'Connor (Mr. Cooper)
- Runner-up: LIFE by Alina Hicks (Ms. Gordon)
- Runner-up: Untitled by Alex Ward-O'Connor (Mr. Cooper)
- Winner: Black Sun Field by Sam Groeninger (Mr. Cooper)

4TH + 5TH

- Honorable Mention: Let's Go Play by Maia Borbely (5th / Ms. Henderson)
- Honorable Mention: Untitled by Lila McDermott (4th / Ms. Sanchez)
- Honorable Mention: Apples! Apples! by Miles Robinson-Feinstein (4th / Ms. Sanchez)
- Honorable Mention: Girls12345678910 by Miles Robinson-Feinstein (4th / Ms. Sanchez)
- Runner-up: Book by Maia Borbely (5th / Ms. Henderson)
- Runner-up: Ukraine by Michael Gilbert (4th / Ms. Godfrey)
- Winner: Untitled by Miles Robinson-Feinstein (4th / Ms. Sanchez)

PEOPLE'S CHOICE








- Runner-up: Untitled by Alex Glodzik (K / Ms. Monet)
- Runner-up: The Dragon by Quinn Hanley (2nd / Mr. Parker)
- Winner: A Poem About Farts By Emme Martin (3rd / Ms. Jackson)



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



F E B R U A R Y

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Groundhog Day 	3
4	5	6 Auction Meeting @ 7PM (Fresca)	7	8 Queen Vic Trivia Night: First Grade Families (6:15-7:30PM)	9 Open House @ 9:30AM [Prospective Families] <i>Poetry Competition Deadline</i>	10 Lunar New Year 2024
11	12	13 LSAT Meeting @ 6PM (Virtual)	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16 NO SCHOOL (Professional Development)	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)	20	21	22 Pancakes & Literacy @ 6PM  <i>Last Day for Early Bird Rate on Auction Tickets</i>	23 Coffee & Doughnuts w/ Principal Miller @ 8:30AM	24
25	26 Black History Month Spirit Week: Pan-African Flag Color Day 	27 Black History Month Spirit Week: 90s Hip-Hop Dress Day 	28 Black History Month Spirit Week: Favorite Artist Dress Day 	29 Black History Month Spirit Week: Dress for Success Day LEAP DAY!	1 Black History Month Spirit Week: All Black Everything Day 	2


Visit ludlowtaylor.org for event details!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



PANCAKES + LITERACY



Warriors Night Out
LUDLOW-TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUCTION & GALA


SAVE THE DATE

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APRIL


IVY CITY SMOKEHOUSE
1356 OKIE STREET NE,
WASHINGTON DC

7-10
PM

TICKETS NOW ON SALE



HURRY: EARLY BIRD RATES END FEB. 22



Welcome to Staytime!